At a meeting of the

SOUTHERN DIVISION

OF THE

RATHFRILAND COMPANY,

SEPTEMBER the 4th, 1784.

Mr. ROBERT SLOAN in the chair.

A printed paper publiſhed by Rathfriland Volunteers in anſwer to our reaſons for quitting Capt. Barber (as publiſhed Auguſt 3d) and ſigned George Cowan Chairman, being read.

RESOLVED Unanimouſlly; That ſaid paper anſwers none of our charges againſt Capt. Barber, but is a vague, ſcurrilous publication: its dogmatical aſſertions being not founded in truth; unſupported by reaſon; plain contradictions in themſelves; it's Author not having attempted to adduce a ſingle argument to refute any part of ſaid charges, but denyed ſome—paſſed over others in ſilence—and declared that many (which we conſidered important) deſerved no anſwer.

RESOLVED therefore—That our charges againſt Capt. Barber's conduct, as publiſhed in Hand-bills Auguſt 3d. are FACTS as yet unanſwered being founded in truth, not to be contradicted; and we call on Capt. Barber to diſprove any part thereof.

RESOLVED; That their EXPELLING James Parker from their corps is a moſt wanton abuſe of language, as ſaid Parker had, for the reaſons publiſhed againſt Capt. Barber, quitted the company ten days prior to their publication, and that he acted with propriety in diſtributing ſaid reaſons,—That the other charges againſt him are ABSOLUTE FALSHOODS, and we call on their Chairman, or Capt. Barber who made the motion, to prove them, or remain under the imputation.—We rejoice that James Parker's conduct as a Volunteer, and his character as a Citizen, are ſo well known as not to ſuffer by ſuch a ſubterfugious Reſolution.—The confidence repoſed in him by the Company upwards of five years repeatedly receiving their thanks, prove ſaid Reſolution to be the effects of ignorance, malice, and diſappointment.

RESOLVED; That their boaſt of numbers and diſcipline is empty and vain, (notwithſtanding Capt. Barber's viſiting the parents whoſe children, and farmers whoſe dietors were in the company, uſing their influence contrary to the boys inclination.) The Company at the laſt review wanting one fourth of it's uſual number, and having loſt ſundry members ſince.—Their charge of our not publiſhing the Reſolutions as agreed to, is alſo void of truth, as any perſon may ſee the original manuſcript as agreed on and publiſhed, in the hands of our chairman.

RESOLVED; That George Cowan who was at firſt our chairman, but was again diſmiſſed, and who afterwards voluntarily confirmed his unalterable connection to us by a ſolemn appeal to the Supreme Being; and the other unprincipled ſix, who forfeited their words and honor by their declaration, merit no anſwer as it is evident they muſt be looked on by all men, as without ſpirit, void of truth, not to be truſted or believed; and will be diſpiſed by thoſe they were endeavouring to ſerve; as men in whom they can place no confidence.—We rejoice that our Diviſion is purged of ſuch infamous ſycophants. It will " Found it on a rock, and the gates of —— ſhall not prevail againſt it."

RESOLVED; That as we ſtill continue to reſpect and eſteem Mr. Barber as our teacher, neighbour, and fellow-ſubject, in which characters his name ſtands unreproached by us; yet as Volunteers we are firmly determined not to obey IMPLICITLY the ARBITARY mandates of any man.

SIGNED,

ROBERT SLOAN, Chairman.